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General Government

Income Tax Marriage Penalty – The Governor recommends Phase 2 of the marriage tax penalty. This will increase the deductibility by \$150 on the tax form and will require approximately six more phases at the current rate of progress to totally eliminate the inequity.

Governor's Recommendation: Provide FY 2001 phase implementation offsetting \$1.25 million General Fund revenue.

Legislative Action: Portion of HB 802a provided full implementation rather than continuation of the phase-in which increased the revenue impact to \$10.6 million.

Budget Stabilization Funding - Transfers sufficient funding to the Budget Stabilization Fund to bring it to the state goal of 5% of state General Fund expenditures for FY 2001. This will allow a more prudent methodology for keeping the reserve at the 5% level in the future without major impacts on General Fund projections or spending plans.

Governor's Recommendation: Transfer \$54 million FY 2000 surplus funds to the Budget Stabilization Fund.

Legislative Action: HB 569 revised the method of calculating the money to be transferred to the Budget Stabilization Fund. No transfer is authorized for FY 2000 and the FY 2001 transfer is expected to be approximately \$17.1 million.

Tobacco Settlement Funding - Incorporates the establishment of a new trust fund to ensure that the monies received from the tobacco settlement are managed and provide benefit in perpetuity for future generations and do not become commingled and expended in the state budget as the funds are received.

Governor's Recommendation: Establish a trust fund to receive monies from the state's share of the tobacco settlement agreement. Only investment earnings would be used for appropriation in the future and would emphasize health-related programs.

Legislative Action: SB 1296 established the Idaho Millennium Fund and the Idaho Millennium Income Fund. This provides a mechanism to receive monies from the tobacco settlement agreement and provide funding of certain health-related costs. HB 789 provided an appropriation starting in FY 2001.

Administration, Department of

Facility Assessment - To better manage state properties, the Governor supports the establishment of a comprehensive inventory and analysis of all state-owned buildings.

Governor's Recommendation: \$200,000

Legislative Action: \$200,000

Agriculture, Department of

Agriculture Water Quality - In an effort to adequately fund the agricultural component of Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) and improve water quality, the Governor recommends a fund shift in the Soil Conservation Commission's (SCC) budget from dedicated to the General Fund. This will provide stability to the SCC's revenues and places a priority of this agricultural funding to anadromous waters and TMDL implementation.

Governor's Recommendation: Shifted \$2,331,800 from dedicated fund to General Fund.

Legislative Action: Shifted \$2,166,700 from dedicated fund to General Fund.

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Noxious Weed Control – This funding will be used to continue the state's effort to eliminate the spread of noxious weeds.

Governor's Recommendation: \$250,000 in ongoing General Funds

Legislative Action: \$250,000 in ongoing General Funds

Quality Assurance Lab – The Governor recommends continuation of the Quality Assurance Lab for the next five years. Improving Certified Food Safety in Idaho is critical to expanding Idaho agricultural exports.

Governor's Recommendation: \$100,000 in ongoing General Funds (for 5 years)

Legislative Action: \$100,000 in ongoing General Funds (for 5 years)

Commerce, Department of

Economic Development and Marketing – Provide additional assistance for economic development with a strong focus on rural Idaho and to promote business advantages and Idaho's overall image with an aggressive advertising and public relations campaign.

Governor's Recommendation: \$250,000

Legislative Action: \$200,000 (\$100,000 for economic development, \$100,000 to begin image campaign)

Science and Technology - The newly created Science and Technology Advisory Council will begin development of a statewide strategic plan to assist colleges and universities and other government and private sector organizations in leveraging the research and technology base that exists in Idaho to expand educational and economic development efforts.

Governor's Recommendation: Council is working under the auspices of the Department of Commerce

Legislative Action: No funding needed.

International Trade - The Governor supports expanding foreign economic trade opportunities, which includes expanding international marketing into Europe and South America.

Governor's Recommendation: \$50,000

Legislative Action: \$50,000

Hispanic Cultural Center - The Idaho-Jalisco Sister State relationship is an important part of our broad economic development efforts, from which Idaho companies have secured sales in Mexico that maintain and create jobs for Idahoans. The Governor of Jalisco, Mexico has contributed \$50,000 to the Hispanic Cultural Center as a gesture of goodwill and support for Idaho's Hispanic citizens. The Governor recommends matching funding to demonstrate Idaho's commitment to the Hispanic community, to further the Idaho-Jalisco Sister State relationship, and to enhance job creation efforts.

Governor's Recommendation: \$50,000

Legislative Action: \$50,000

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Correction, Department of

Parole Preparations Center - This facility being constructed at the Southern Idaho Correctional Institution will provide programs to offenders who are within one year of their parole date. The funding will provide programming that will focus on reducing substance abusing behaviors and improving the individuals' chances for successful reintegration into society.

Governor's Recommendation: \$730,500 with January 1, 2001 opening

Legislative Action: \$730,500 with January 1, 2001 opening

Private Prison Opening - The newly constructed prison will be opened on July 1, 2000. The facility will house 750 inmates upon opening with the population increasing up to 1,250. The Governor recommends reducing the inmate population in the county jails to no more than 200 by January 1, 2001.

Governor's Recommendation: \$11,781,800 private prison operating; \$3,047,900 county payments.

Legislative Action: \$10,654,800 private prison operating; \$3,980,200 county payments including cost increase from \$35 to \$40 per day.

Education, Department of

Accountability Testing - The Governor recommends developing accountability tests for the K-12 exiting standards.

Governor's Recommendation: \$500,000

Legislative Action: Approved the Governor's recommendation to add \$500,000 to the Department of Education for test development in reading, writing, and mathematics, while leaving testing in other content areas to discretion of local communities.

Education, Office of the State Board of

Innovative Grants - The Legislature approved the Governor's FY 2000 request for \$100,000 to fund 184 innovative grants for teachers. The Governor is recommending the Legislature continue funding this program at the same level.

Governor's Recommendation: \$100,000

Legislative Action: \$100,000

College and Universities

College and University Excellence - The Governor recommends continuation of higher education competitive salary matching program instituted in FY 2000.

Governor's Recommendation: \$1.3 million

Legislative Action: \$1.3 million

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Deaf and Blind, School for the

Early Childhood Development - The Governor recommends expanding outreach efforts to families who have newborn children with sensory impairments. New funding will allow existing staff at the school who are on nine-month contracts to devote their summer time to working with parents, children, and other agencies.

Governor's Recommendation: \$32,500

Legislative Action: \$32,500

Historical Society

Millennium Project - The Governor recommends funding for the second year of the Society's three-year millennium project to preserve and maintain Idaho's history. Outcomes will include: making previously unseen historic documents and photographs available for public viewing and research, including photographs on public display in print and a new textile exhibit at the Historical Museum.

Governor's Recommendation: \$126,900

Legislative Action: \$126,900

Private Donation - The Governor recommends spending authority to receive a donation from a private collector. The funds will be used to remodel space at the Old Idaho Penitentiary to house an antique arms and military memorabilia collection, which will be donated by this same collector.

Governor's Recommendation: \$600,000

Legislative Action: \$600,000

Library, State

Reading and Information Access - As part of the Governor's commitment to children, he recommends funds to specifically target children's reading ability and access to information. The Library is to work with other state agencies, local libraries and individuals to expand services in continuing education for library professionals, promote statewide resource sharing, encourage literacy, and expand its collection of library materials for children.

Governor's Recommendation: \$35,400

Legislative Action: \$35,400

Professional Technical Education, Division of

Well-Educated Children - The Governor recommends providing additional support to school districts to accommodate higher enrollment in professional-technical courses in high school (formerly called vocational education classes). The Governor also recommends additional funds to support free-standing professional-technical schools or consortiums to accommodate higher enrollment in professional-technical courses at the high school level.

Governor's Recommendation: \$1,732,600

Legislative Action: \$920,000

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Workforce Training/Economic Development – The Governor recommends expanding services to the post-high school population who are enrolling in professional-technical courses statewide.

Governor's Recommendation: \$1,200,000

Legislative Action: \$1,000,000

Public Schools

School Options Initiative - The Governor supports the schools in their efforts to expand educational options for students and parents. Funds will be available on a competitive basis to school districts for the purpose of providing new or innovative education options within the existing public school structure. Choices may include such items as special curricula, school or classroom environments, teaching methodologies, or school organizational structures.

Governor's Recommendation: \$500,000

Legislative Action: \$ 0

Idaho Reading Consultant Examination - The Governor recommends the creation of the Idaho Reading Consultant Examination. Teachers who wish to qualify for the Reading Stipend Program must first successfully pass this examination. Funds for this are to be administered by the State Board of Education, which will select a contractor to develop this exam.

Governor's Recommendation: \$40,000

Legislative Action: \$ 0

School Facilities Health and Safety - The Governor believes that every Idaho public school student has a fundamental right to be taught and learn in a safe school facility. This initiative will pay the interest portion on Idaho State Building Authority bonds that will be issued to fund approved health and safety building projects for specific Idaho school facilities. The Governor recommends that a limit of \$2.5 million be set aside within the FY 2001 Public School appropriation for this purpose. This amount would allow school districts to borrow up to \$50,000,000 for health and safety building projects. This initiative is designed to provide an additional tool, on a one-time basis, to all Idaho public school districts to correct the backlog of health and safety concerns.

Governor's Recommendation: \$2.5 million

Legislative Action: Nothing within public school appropriation; appropriated \$10.0 million (H 818) to school safety and health revolving loan fund (created by H 668) for school districts to use to abate unsafe/unhealthy conditions. Districts will apply for loans, which must be repaid.

Service Learning Initiative – The Governor recommends funds be set aside for pilot programs that add service learning opportunities to local school curriculum.

Governor's Recommendation: \$10,000

Legislative Action: \$ 0

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Public Television, Idaho

Technology Investments – The Governor supports moving Idaho Public Broadcasting's (IPTV) into the new world of digital broadcasting. This funding will be for the first year as IPTV converts their analog broadcasting to digital, in conformance with federal regulations.

Governor's Recommendation: \$2.5 million

Legislative Action: \$2.0 million

Special Programs

Teacher Preparation – The Governor recommends the teacher preparation programs within the colleges of education continue to receive funding. These monies allow teachers (new and already working in the field) to be trained using the most current technology most often found in classrooms where they will be employed.

Governor's Recommendation: \$500,000

Legislative Action: \$500,000

Grow Your Own Teacher Program - The Governor recommends funding for colleges of education to offer teacher education programs that are specially tailored for Limited English Proficiency and migrant aides who wish to earn a teaching certificate.

Governor's Recommendation: \$217,000

Legislative Action: \$0

Environmental Quality, Division of

Department Status - The Governor supports legislation to provide department status to the Division of Environmental Quality.

Governor's Recommendation: Submitted legislation to accomplish goal (SB 1426).

Legislative Action: Legislature passed SB 1426 with minor revisions.

Fund Realignment - Legislation is also being introduced to change funding relationships of the Water Pollution Control Account and the General Fund. The intent is to provide adequate funds for the state's match for the federal clean water and safe drinking water loan programs, and to continue the obligation to provide \$520,000 a year to the Environmental Remediation Fund through FY 2005.

Governor's Recommendation: Submitted legislation to accomplish goal (SB 1331). The *Executive Budget* included an \$11,699,400 fund shift from the Water Pollution Control Fund to the General Fund to implement this legislation.

Legislative Action: Legislature passed SB 1331 and provided the full fund transfer.

Water Quality and Recovery Plans - The Governor recommends state matching funds to develop TMDLs for Brownlee Reservoir, and for the state to participate in salmon recovery and water quality plan discussions with the Environmental Protection Agency and the states of Oregon and Washington.

Governor's Recommendation: \$250,000 in ongoing General Funds

Legislative Action: \$250,000 in ongoing General Funds

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Fish and Game, Department of

Revenue Proposal - The Governor supports the Commission's license increase proposal. Key fishing and hunting programs will be enhanced and the Department will be able to begin work on much-needed repairs at state hatcheries and wildlife management areas.

Governor's Recommendation: Governor supported legislation to implement a \$4.4 million license increase (HB 699). His *Executive Budget* recommended spending only \$3.4 million of this to provide for future budget growth.

Legislative Action: Legislature passed HB 699. The appropriation spends about \$3.5 million of the expected \$4.4 million in new revenue.

Governor's Office

Federal Americorps Volunteer Program - The budget includes federal Americorps funds that will enhance the learning environment for Idaho's students and will help build strong family support, as well as volunteers in Idaho communities.

Governor's Recommendation: \$342,900

Legislative Action: \$342,900

Endowment Fund Investment Board

Endowment Fund Reform - The Governor proposes to transfer funding for this agency from state General Funds to endowment revenues. As the state moves forward with restructuring the manner in which endowment lands and revenues are managed, this agency will become even more important with respect to investment planning and decision-making.

Governor's Recommendation: Transfer to dedicated fund.

Legislative Action: Transferred to dedicated fund.

Liquor Dispensary

Return on Investment - The Governor recommends funds to allow the Dispensary to replace its outdated accounting and computer systems, enabling it to support the statewide network of retail stores and provide management with up-to-date financial information.

Governor's Recommendation: \$880,000

Legislative Action: \$880,000

Health and Welfare, Department of

Immunization Registry - Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) funding is provided to continue the media campaigns for foster care, adoption, early childhood development, education on children's mental health, shaken baby syndrome, substance abuse, and respite care. Funding will also be used to develop and provide outreach and educational material on the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP); educate low-income families in a more coordinated manner about available services to meet the needs of children; and

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provide additional funding for the Governor's Council on Adolescent Pregnancy Prevention for a comprehensive statewide media campaign. Funding is also provided to develop and conduct a statewide comprehensive multi-media campaign to educate parents, communities, and public and private immunization providers. Partnerships continue to be formed to meet the Governor's goals and objectives.

Governor's Recommendation: \$2.4 Million

Legislative Action: \$2.4 Million

Increased Immunizations - SB 1183 (1999 Legislative Session) provides for a voluntary registry program. TANF funding is provided in FY 2001 to implement the immunization registry. A Request for Proposal (RFP) was written in August 1999 to develop a registry plan. Scientific Technologies Corporation (STC) was awarded the contract and the plan was delivered on December 2, 1999. Under the same RFP, the Department of Health and Welfare entered into a contract with STC to implement the plan over the next two years. This voluntary program will provide statewide access to current immunization records and provide for measuring progress towards an immunization rate of 90%.

Governor's Recommendation: \$750,000 one-time; \$360,000 ongoing

Legislative Action: \$750,000 one-time; \$360,000 ongoing

New Vaccine Cost - The funding provided for Chicken Pox vaccine during FY 2001 will be used to continue the effort to vaccinate 72% of one year's birth cohort (approximately 13,000 children).

Governor's Recommendation: \$459,000

Legislative Action: \$459,000

Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) - As of December 16, 1999, there were 4,446 children enrolled in the program. The Department anticipates that approximately 2,500 additional children will be added to the program by June 30, 2001.

Governor's Recommendation: \$8,192,000

Legislative Action: \$8,192,000

Veterans Cemetery - One-time operating expenditures are identified within the Department to fund the design of a Veterans Cemetery. Idaho is the only state in the Union without a state or federally supported field of honor for a final resting-place for our State's veterans. Based on a survey of surrounding states that operate state cemeteries, the cost of operation will be approximately \$200,000 per year. The first \$200,000 will be spent on design, which will later be reimbursed by the Veterans Administration (VA). The VA will then pay 100% of construction and equipment for the development of the cemetery. The state is obligated to provide the land and pay ongoing costs of operation.

Governor's Recommendation: \$200,000

Legislative Action: \$200,000

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Division of Veterans Services - The Governor recommends that the Division of Veterans Services be moved from the Department of Health and Welfare to the Department of Self-Governing Agencies.

Legislative Action: The Legislature approved the move of Division of Veterans Services from the Department of Health and Welfare to the Department of Self-Governing Agencies.

Insurance, Department of

Premium Tax Refund Account - The Governor supports legislation that would enable the Department of Insurance to set aside up to 20% of the insurance premium tax collected for refunds. The amount set aside has fallen short of the refunds due to insurance companies doing business in Idaho. The General Fund impact for FY 2000 is \$3.1 million.

Governor's Recommendation: Supported HB 396 to implement this change in statute.

Legislative Action: HB 396 passed both houses

Juvenile Corrections, Department of

Reduced Referrals - The efforts of the Department of Juvenile Corrections in cooperation with local officials have reduced the number of juvenile offenders committed to the state. As a result, the Department is able to return \$1,432,100 in FY 2000. A portion of this reduction will be ongoing into FY 2001.

Governor's Recommendation: (\$1,939,200)

Legislative Action: (\$2,254,200) The Legislature took the approach that population growth would be flat. The Governor's recommendation assumed some growth in FY 2000.

Juvenile Block Grant - The Department of Juvenile Corrections is continuing the Juvenile Accountability Incentive Block Grant Program, which works with local officials to develop programs, which prevent and reduce juvenile crime. The Governor supports providing matching funds, which will allow the Department to leverage federal dollars to fund innovative projects throughout the state.

Governor's Recommendation: \$55,100

Legislative Action: \$55,100

Lands, Department of

Public Land Management - The Governor recommends providing funds for the Federal Lands Task Force Working Group in its effort to improve management of public lands.

Governor's Recommendation: \$100,000 in one-time General Funds

Legislative Action: \$100,000 in one-time General Funds

Law Enforcement, Department of

Death Penalty – The Governor supports legislation that removes any question in *Idaho Code* concerning the application of the death penalty in cases involving the murder of on-duty police officers.

Governor's Recommendation: No fiscal impact. Senate bill 1335

Legislative Action: No fiscal impact. Senate bill 1335 passed the Senate 30-1-4; passed the House 60-7-3, and was signed into law on April 14, 2000.

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Combined Agency Methamphetamine Partnership (CAMP) - For the first time the State of Idaho has a coordinated drug enforcement effort that includes partnerships with federal, county, and city law enforcement agencies. The Governor has directed the Department of Law Enforcement to build on the initial successes of the CAMP meetings by pooling resources and personnel to maximize enforcement. Efforts will include the development of a secure web site to share intelligence on drug activities between agencies and a state drug attack team that responds to requests for assistance from local jurisdictions.

Governor's Recommendation: No additional resources. Federal grant application submitted.

Legislative Action: No additional resources appropriated.

Parks and Recreation, Department of

Student Scholarship Pilot Program - This initiative is to attract and retain quality seasonal employees. The Governor recommends providing funds for a pilot scholarship program for seasonal or temporary employees who provide verification of enrollment in an accredited Idaho post-secondary institution.

Governor's Recommendation: \$60,000

Legislative Action: \$0

Ponderosa State Park - Continuation of multi-year Ponderosa State Park land purchase/exchange plan. Efforts continue to identify suitable parcels of land for exchange consideration.

Legislative Action: \$1,000,000

Bruneau Dunes Science Center - The construction of a science center at Bruneau Dunes is a multi-year project that will be dedicated to interpreting the natural resources of the Bruneau Dunes ecosystem.

Governor's Recommendation: \$250,000

Legislative Action: \$100,000

Secretary of State

Arts, Commission on the

Arts Millennium Project - The Governor supports a statewide tour of schools highlighting dance. Also, a Performing Arts Camp will allow children from each Idaho county to be given training in music, theater, and dance. This group will then perform on the evening prior to the Governor's Awards in the Arts event.

Governor's Recommendation: \$50,000

Legislative Action: \$40,000

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Transportation Department, Idaho

Statewide Contract Construction - The budget includes \$49.6 million in new state dedicated and federal highway funds for statewide contract construction. Idaho will continue to renovate and construct highways to better serve the motoring public, including commerce.

Governor's Recommendation: \$49.6 million

Legislative Action: \$49.996 million

Customer Service - The Governor recommends funds to upgrade the state driver's license system to a digital format, allowing for faster service to customers and allow Idaho Transportation Department to provide information to the Department of Law Enforcement and other approved agencies.

Governor's Recommendation: \$1,042,700

Legislative Action: \$1,042,700

Water Resources, Department of

Water Quality Monitoring - The Governor's Recommendation includes staff resources and related efforts for improved information on water environmental factors such as temperature, dissolved gas, and other parameters. This information will be used to support decisions involving recovery plans for threatened and endangered species in the Snake River.

Governor's Recommendation: \$38,700 in General Funds and \$30,300 in Federal Funds for a staff engineer position.

Legislative Action: \$38,700 in General Funds and \$30,300 in Federal Funds for a staff engineer position.

<i>Fully Funded</i>	<i>37</i>
<i>Partially Funded</i>	<i>12</i>
<i>Increased Funding</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>Not Funded</i>	<i>5</i>